



**Delaware Bicycle Council
April 5, 2006
DelDOT Administration Building
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health Rep.
Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Don Carbaugh, Chair & New Castle County Rep.
Tom Felice, DelDot Representative
Thomas Hartley, Kent County Representative
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Representative
Doug Mills, New Castle County Representative
Amy Wilburn, At-Large Representative

DelDOT Support Staff Present

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator
Liddy Campbell, Administrative Assistant

Members Absent

Harry Isaacs, Jr., Council on Transportation
Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative
Laura Madara, DNREC Representative
Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety
John Ray, Department of Education
Robert Witsil, At-Large Representative

Guests Present

Stephen Bayer, DelDot, Planning Department
John Boyle, Bike Delaware
Amy Hughes, National Multiple Sclerosis Society – DE Chapter

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Don called the meeting to order and requested guests to introduce themselves to the Council members, which included: Amy Hughes, from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-DE Chapter; John Boyle, Greater Philadelphia Bicycle Coalition and Stephen Bayer, DelDot.

Council Member Membership

Don announced Walt Bryan has been appointed as a new member to the Bicycle Council, representing Sussex County. Don also announced Fred Breukelman's reappointment to the Council. Don noted that the Greenway and Trails vacancy is still open and stated that this is currently in the works of being filled.

Council Chairmanship

Don explained to the Council after 9+ years of service as Chairman, he has decided to step down and give one of the Citizens members a shot at chairing the Council. He motioned to nominate Doug Mills to accept the roll as New Council Chairman and Amy Wilburn seconded the motion and all other Council members unanimously agreed. Doug accepted his new position as Chairman of the Bicycle Council.

II. Old Business

Route 1 Third Lane Project Update

Anthony gave an update on what was going on with the project by stating the plan is to add a 8' dash stripe along with a Bike Symbol and a Right Lane Turn symbol as well. He also mentioned the speed limit would start at 45mph and reduce to 35 mph. He also stated that he is trying to work with the engineers in adding additional width for the bike lane.

Doug stated to Anthony that he would like to set up a time to meet with him to visit the site to become more familiar with what is going on with the project.

John Boyle announced that he, Tony Pizone, from Sussex Cyclists and Mike Tyler met with several Representatives, Schwartzkopf, Booth, Hocker and also Senator Bunting to present the Position Statement regarding speed reduction, solid striping and traffic moving. The Legislators agreed to write a joint letter Position Statement and John noted that Tony and Mike will coordinate with the Legislators in getting the letters to Secretary Carolann Wicks for consideration.

Don mentioned to the Council that John Boyle and Senator David Sokola are to meet with Secretary Wicks on May 9th to discuss Bike Delaware and Doug Mills commented that he would like to attend.

Newsletter

Don informed the Council the newsletter is just about complete. He thanked the Council members who submitted articles and stated it's not too late to submit more if anyone is interested in doing so. He also mentioned that the newsletter should be published and sent out by the end of this month.

Autism Society Awards

Don announced to the Council members that Judi Jeffers is to receive an award for her involvement in past events with the Autism Society. Don mentioned that there would be an article posted in the Bike Council's newsletter.

HB 178 "Share the Road" License Plate Bill

Don stated that the bill has currently stalled in the Senate. Walt commented that he would try and contact Senator Venables to see if any progress could be made.

SB58 Kids Bicycle Helmet Bill

Don mentioned to the Council that the Bill has cleared the House Committee and it should be passed and go to the House for consideration.

Bike Council Check Book

Anthony informed the group at the last Council meeting it was agreed that the money would be used to purchase bicycle lights and a tent for future bike events and this should take care of the remaining funds leftover in the account.

Other DelDot Updates

Anthony shared with the group a listing of upcoming bike safety events that would be taking place during the spring and summer months:

1. Bike Fair - June 19th:

Sponsored by Sussex Cyclist and Ocean Atlantic will be giving away 900 helmets to residents. Anthony also stated that he is working with the Rehoboth Beach Chamber of Commerce on getting a Website link together.

2. Bike Safety Checkpoints:

Two in Bethany beach on the 4th of July between 9pm to 2am where they will be handing out lights for the bikes, helmets and a short survey. Bethany Cycle & Fitness has volunteered to help with the purchasing of the lights. There will also be several random bike safety checkpoints going on two to three times a week in July.

3. Wrist Watch Program:

This event will take place on May 19th at the Blue Rocks Stadium during one of their games. Anthony commented that they would be handing out bike safety information.

New Castle County – Safe Kids Day

Amy Wilburn informed the Council of the Safe Kids Bike Rodeo that is to take place on Saturday, April 15th at the Bellevue State Park from 10am-2pm. She stated that she is still in need of volunteers for the main table and if anyone was interested to let her know. Doug mentioned that he would see what he could do in finding volunteers for the event.

Bike Month

Don informed the Council members that the Legislator's Ride would be held on May 10th. Since we have no one leading the Sussex County group this year, Don asked for volunteers and Anthony stated that he would ask Tony Pizone from Sussex Cyclists if he would be interested in leading the group. Don also commented that the Biking Blue Hens will once again help in commuting people back to the Wilmington area once they have finished the ride.

Bike Week

Anthony stated that Bike Week would be held through May 15-19th. Anthony also mentioned that he is coordinating this event with Tammy Ford from TMA Delaware. They will be handing out T-shirts, and bike safety information as well. And, if 10 or more cyclists from the Dover office plan to participate, they will receive a complimentary breakfast.

Ride of Silence

Don C. announced to the Council members two groups would be sponsoring this event, Sussex Cyclists and New Castle County White Clay Bicycle Club.

III New Business

Fred Hudson Road Bike Lane

Walt expressed his concerns about bike safety issues on Fred Hudson Road in the Lewes area. He stated that he felt the shoulder needs to be widened and asked Anthony if he knew of any future projects in the works for doing so and Anthony commented that if there is, it wouldn't be in the immediate future, however, when the project is initiated, it will be suggested to add a bike stripe and a wider shoulder lane.

Bike Loan Program

Anthony mentioned that he is working with Tammy Ford from TMA Delaware on establishing 250 bikes for International Students. He will give the Council an update at the next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7pm.